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SUBJECT: GOVT SEEKS EXPRESSION OF PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT

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1. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CENTRIST PARTIES AND SDP (REFTEL)
HAVE NOT PROCEEDED WELL. PRINCIPAL STICKING POINT BETWEEN
GOVT PARTIES AND SDP HAS BEEN LAND POLICY LEGISLATION.
ISSUE IS OF PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY BECAUSE SDP AND CENTRIST
LEADERSHIP HAD ONCE BEFORE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION
ONLY TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT FALL APART BECAUSE OF RANK-AND-
FILE CENTER PARTY OPPOSITION. APPARENT EFFORTS BY SDP
CHAIRMAN SORSA TO REACH COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRIST
GROUPS HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY SDP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.
THUS BOTH CENTER PARTY AND SDP LEADERSHIP HAVE SEEN THEIR
MANEUVERABILITY LIMITED BY GROUPS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE
PARTIES.

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2. IN MIDST OF THESE ALBEIT NON-PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS,
GOVT LAST NIGHT (MARCH 28) PULLED
SURPRISE MOVE BY ANNOUNCING INTENTION TO SEND
POSITION STATEMENT ON CURRENT ECONOMIC AND LABOR SITUA-
TION TO PARLIAMENT FOR DISCUSSION AND, MOST PROBABLY,
VOTE, MOVE IN EFFECT CONSTITUTES GOVT BID FOR VOTE OF
CONFIDENCE. GOVT STATEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY

PARLIAMENT TUESDAY EVENING AND NIGHT. CONSERVATIVE
PARTY SPOKESMAN SAID HIS PARTY HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED
BY GOVT. IF SDP AND COMMUNIST GROUP SKDL OPPOSE
GOVT ON THIS ISSUE, CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND CHRISTIAN
LEAGUE SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY IF GOVT TO RECEIVE
MAJORITY. FAILURE TO RECEIVE MAJORITY
WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO GOVT RESIGNATION.
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